**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date; 6/14/2022**

**Call to Order:** President Sharon Gradert called the meeting of TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Sharon Gradert, Brenda Rosenberg, Luci Ferrin, John French, Paul Hensch, Daryl Tutje, Taylor Hibbing, Linda Fick, Adam Henning, Arlene Kuehl and Pastor Nappe. Absent: Jan Henningsen, Sandy Olson

**Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor led devotions from Acts 2 and the study of the 3rd Chapter of the book “I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church".

Pastor shared his May report with the council.

**Additions to the agenda;**

There were no additions.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Luci and seconded by Daryl to approve the minutes. All voted aye.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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| Checking Balance | 59,231.24 |
| Folker’s Endowment | 1,971.25 |
| Parsonage | 108.59 |
| Building Fund | 741.43 |
| Security Cameras | 365.00 |
| Furnace | 8,271.31 |
| SE Entry Repair | 6,907.08 |
| Emergency | 13,880.00 |
| Sunday School | 1,531.93 |
| Line of Credit | 0.00 |

Motion was made by Linda and seconded by Adam to approve the treasurers report. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Daryl and seconded by Taylor to pay VBS expenses out of the Sunday School account. All voted aye.

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship and Music:**

Luci reported that the trio of flutes will play during worship on June 26. It was suggested to see if they could instead play at 3:30 that Sunday for our Music and Pie & Ice Cream Social. On July 3, Pastor will be gone so we will not have communion that Sunday. There will be communion at the rail on the third Sunday instead.

**Christian Ed:**

The theme for VBS will be Food Truck for Jesus. Barb Schuster will be in charge and has ordered some material. Since VBS is a one day, the remaining material could be used during Sunday School. There is the possibility of getting some material from the Little Rock church that used the same theme.

**Stewardship**: Noisy offering for July and August will go to the Vet Clinic to aid with expenses for orphaned animals.

**Evangelism/ Mission:**

Cards being sent to sick, bereaved and others is going well, and donations have been received for costs involved. We will be giving water out at the fair again. Daryl talked to Luc about the condition of the rack that is used for a float, and they are working on it. A large memorial donation has been received to use for the Prayer Room. A committee will be assigned to shop for furniture for the room.

**Building and Property:**

They are considering adding cement by the east door of the Sunday School wing for when people pick up tables and chairs to be used. The cost would be about $2,700. It would be good to make the driveway by the kitchen door wider. The playground set needs some work and Steve Onken and John French will investigate it. To add the mulch to the playground equipment would cost about $3,000. This Thursday Alan Onken and the city will replace the electrical panel at the parsonage. This needs to be done for insurance purposes. The automatic door on the east side is not working. There are some windows that the double pane seal is leaking. Loren Gruis and John McDougall have been talked to. Some of the tables that can be removed from the church for personal use need to be looked at and discard the bad ones. A review of the condition of the parsonage will be done by a member of the grounds committee and a member of the congregation.

**Executives:**

A post has been put on the web site by John. It was decided that there should be a review committee to approve things posted on our site. It was decided that Pastor, Sharon as council president and John as web master will oversee that.

**Old Business:**

There are still 4 or 5 people needed to serve at the Banquet.

Landscaping has two women on it but could use a couple of guys to help with some of the heavy things.

A list of needs for the church for people to consider for memorial designations could use some ideas. Things mentioned were sound system, remote door system for the west entry door, a larger sink in the kitchen to clean roasters.

Ideas are needed for items to put in the sesquicentennial time capsule.

Reminder that our Old-Fashioned Community Hymn Sing at TELC is Sunday June 26th at 3:30 pm. We still need help with music performers and assistance with the pie and ice cream. A signup sheet is out for pie donors and workers.

Our 125th anniversary for the church is next year and it is not too early to be making some plans. Arlene gave pastor and Sharon a list of ideas-the date, committee to update church history, theme and possible project. Other suggestions are wanted.

**New Business:**

A memorial gift of $10,000 from the Lawrence Helmers family has been received to be used for the prayer room and remainder to the Building Fund. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Brenda to do this. All voted aye. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Adam to rescind last months motion to use the undesignated memorials for the prayer room. All voted aye.

Jim VerBout who has received the Folkers Scholarship the last two years has offered to come and do a service as a 'thank you'. He provided dates he is available; Sharon will check if any of those dates would be when pastor is going to be gone.

A group of church women have volunteered to paint the kitchen if the church would supply the needed equipment and paint. Paul said to check what supplies we have before purchasing more. We will ask the ladies to get an estimate of the costs.

What would we compensate a new youth minster? We need to know this if we ask the camp or seminary for assistance. Adam mentioned about how many hours the Hennings and Rusche’s put in. The Education committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

Our present copier contract will expire this fall and a new color printer has been investigated. Our current contract is $243.00 per month and a new color copier would be $248.00 per month. A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Taylor to approve the contract. All voted aye.

A church member asked if we would be having the harvest meal this year. We have also previously talked about moving our polka service to an Oktoberfest. We need to decide if we want to hold both events, do them together, do them separately, not do one or the other, etc.

The Country View manor board has asked to use our church for a meeting on the third Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to about 6:30. Sharon made the motion to allow this with no fee but would accept a donation. Linda seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Dates to remember:

Evangelism/Mission meeting – Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday June 28th at 7:00 pm

Council Exec Prep Meeting – Tuesday, July 5th at 7:00 pm

Council Meeting – July 12th at 7:00 pm.

Teller/Communion for July is Paul Hensch

Motion to adjourn was made by Luci and seconded by Adam; all voted aye. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Kuehl, secretary.